

Gun control

Subject: Gun laws/Regulations

Dear Legislator: I fail to see how any of the provisions would have stopped the events in Newtown. I fear many of you are in a rush to push things along for the sake of saying you did something, which I believe is nothing more than a band aid on an open wound. Legislators capitalizing on the tragedy to forward an agenda. It appears this is being approached emotionally and not logically. I think it poor policy to be writing laws without a final police report on the matter. Before you vote to limit our rights please consider the following:

Assault Weapons

Why do we need an "assault weapons" ban? This is a greatly misused term and only a tiny fraction of gun violence occurs with long guns let alone "assault weapons" "It's curious that you exempt manufacturing. Make no mistake this will hurt our very weak economy. **Large (standard) Capacity Magazines** Why should citizens not be allowed the same level of protection as police and politician's? Do you plan on exempting tubular magazines as are common on 22 caliber rifles? Do you realize there are probably millions of these in Connecticut? How are you going to pay for the required additional law enforcement to enforce? How are you going to pay for the incarceration of thousands of citizens who are truly not criminals other than in the context of this misguided proposal? How will you compensate those subject to this "Taking" of private property?

Universal Background Checks

How will you fund the additional staff time needed to conduct these checks? **One Pistol or Revolver Per Month** If the intent is to stop "straw" purchases we already have enough laws regarding this. Simply enforce them. Collectors often find rare firearms at random intervals as lots come on the market. Why should they not be allowed to conduct their lawful, private business?

Suitability

The provisions in this category are far too broad and subject to abuse.

Fee Increase

I have always questioned why I need to pay a fee to exercise my right. What is the purpose of raising the fee other than to attempt to put more people's ability to carry out of reach?

Personalized Handguns Completely unnecessary. We have enough laws regarding responsibility to safely store your firearms. The technology is years out if ever. Why pass a law that may never be used? What if a loved one needs a weapon to defend themselves and it is not matched to them? (The Petit's come to mind.)

Prohibited Zones

All these mass tragedies have a common tread. GUN FREE ZONES. These should be renamed as "Free Killing Zones". Hasn't anyone wondered why shootings seem to happen there?

The use of common sense not emotions may help

Eliminate all gun free zones. Enforce current laws. Train and pay a capable person to school staff that is willing to carry a firearm, concealed at work. Keep criminals in prison for their full sentence. Identify/treat mental illness. I can only hope you will reject all these proposals and use some "Common Sense" and the FACTS, not a bunch of new laws that will not accomplish anything except rob us of our 2nd Amendment Rights. Thank you, Jeff Ward Storrs Ct